Indian Airlines also employs casuals on need basis. Casuals being temporary daily rated workers their services can not be regularised.

(c) and (d) In accordance with recruitment and promotion rules of Indian Airlines, there is time bound promotion schemes for non-technical and technical categories in groups B,C and D. In respect of other categories, promotion is vacancy based which are filled up as per the laid down process of selection.

Air connectivity between important cities

†106. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken several vital decisions for the air connectivity of important cities;

(b) if so, the names of cities provided with air connectivity in the last one year; and

(c) the number of cities being considered by Government for providing air connectivity during the year 2005-06 alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Government, from time to time, takes various measures to encourage/improve air connectivity in the country. For the period from January 2004 till date scheduled airlines have commenced flights to following cities:

Jet Airways: Agartala and Patna.

Sahara Airlines: Coimbatore and Srinagar.

Air Deccan: Ahmedabad, Agra, Amritsar, Bagdogra, Bhavanagar, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Dehradun, Delhi, Dibrugarh, Guwahati, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Jaipur, Jammu, Kanpur, Kohlapur Kolkata, Lucknow, Nasik, Surat, Vadodra and Vizag.

Kingfisher Airlines (commenced operations *w.e.f.* 9th May, 2005): Bangalore, Delhi and Mumbai.

Royal Airways (commenced operations *w.e.f.* 23rd May, 2005): Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Delhi, Goa, Mumbai and Pune.

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(c) Government has laid down Route Dispersal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, up to the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability. As such, the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by the Government. Hence, the Government does not decide provisions of air connectivity to specific places.

New international airport at Noida

†107. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to amend the prescribed distance norms for international airports and to construct a new international airport at Noida in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when its construction is targeted to be commenced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) There is no proposal under consideration in this Ministry to construct a new international airport at Noida.

(b) Does not arise.

Coordination with IAF for use of air space

108. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to use more air space which is in the control of Indian Air Force by coordinating with them;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Coordination procedures and agreement in this regard are to be finalised through inter-ministerial consultations.

(c) Does not arise.

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